

REMARKS

The comments of the applicant below are each preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

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Election/Restrictions

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This application contains claims drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01. Claims 7, 10, 24, 25, 28-45, and 50-53 must be cancelled. Claim 10 should be have been withdrawn.

Claims 7, 10, 24, 25, 28-45, and 50-53 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 20-23, 48, and 49 are allowed.

Claims 4-6, 13-19, 27, 47, and 54 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4 has been cancelled. Claims 3, 5-6, 13-19, 27, 47, 54, and 55 have been amended.

All of the dependent claims are patentable for at least the reasons for which the claims on which they depend are patentable.

Canceled claims, if any, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any circumstance in which the applicant has (a) addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner, (b) made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims, or (c) amended or canceled a claim does not mean that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claims.

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